

PTA Mission – To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

National Standards *for* **FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

PTA’s National Standards for Family-School Partnerships set the bar for how schools and parent organizations should work together to support student success. We know that families are essential partners to providing a high-quality education for every student. Decades of research shows that family engagement matters for student success, students whose families are engaged are more likely to attend school, avoid discipline problems, achieve at higher levels and graduate. Family engagement also helps schools, research suggests it is equally as important as school leadership or a rigorous curriculum to predict school improvement. We will be discussing Welcome All Families in this installment.

STANDARD 6: WELCOME ALL FAMILIES

The school treats families as valued partners in their child’s education and facilitates a sense of belonging in the school community.

Goal 1: Build a Community of Belonging: When families engage with the school and PTA, do they feel respected, understood and connected to the school community?

School & PTA indicators:

- Learn about families and foster respectful attitudes
- Provide time, training, and resources for relationship-building
- Facilitate opportunities for restoration and connection, especially with historically marginalized families and students
- Use culturally and linguistically responsive engagement practices
- Invite families to contribute to the school community

Goal 2: Create an Inclusive Environment: Do the school’s and PTA’s efforts encourage engagement with and among the diversity of families in the community?

School & PTA indicators:

- Encourage school staff to see engaging all families as part of their responsibilities
- Create an accessible, family-friendly campus and/or virtual school
- Track family engagement data and regularly examine it to identify gaps in access
- Learn about and remove barriers for families to participate fully



From The President's Desk



Hello Fellow PTA Volunteers,

You have an exciting opportunity to make a difference in your school and community by implementing PTA's mission:

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National PTA has a Local PTA Leader Kit that provides many tips and resources to help incoming local PTA officers get off to a successful start.

Let's take a look at some of the items within the kit together. PTA boards work as a team to fulfill PTA's mission and meet your PTA's specific goals. There are 3 steps that are needed to be organized for the new term:

1. Get Connected to PTA

- a. If you have officer updates, use our 'Submit Officers' button on the right hand side of most screens on our website at mopta.org.
- b. Check out the [National PTA's Our Children magazine](#) or issues of [Missouri PTA's CONTACT magazine](#)

2. PTA Board Roles and Responsibilities

- a. Duty of Care. Each board member has a legal responsibility to participate actively in making decisions on behalf of your PTA and to exercise his or her best judgment while doing so.
- b. Duty of Loyalty. Each board member must put the interests of the organization before their personal and professional interests when acting on behalf of the organization in a decision-making capacity. Your PTA's needs come first.
- c. Duty of Obedience. Board members bear the legal responsibility of ensuring that your PTA complies with the applicable federal, state and local laws and adheres to its mission.

3. Understand your Bylaws

- a. All officers and board members should be familiar with and prepared to follow their local unit bylaws. Bylaws are adopted and amended by a vote of your members at a general meeting. Local bylaws may not conflict with the bylaws of National PTA or your state PTA, or with state or federal law.
- b. As a 501(c)(3), bylaws are required to achieve and maintain nonprofit status.
- c. Action Step: If you cannot find a copy of your PTA's bylaws, contact our state PTA office at office1@mopta.org to obtain one. Any member has a right to view your bylaws. Each board member should have his or her own copy.

As a new PTA leader, there is a lot to know and continue to learn. Missouri PTA has monthly virtual meetings that every board member is welcome to attend. We have our schedule on our [website calender](#) to be able to register and hold your seat. We are here to help you find the answers to your questions. By gathering together during these monthly meetings, we learn what other units are doing, experiencing, creating and it provides us with opportunities to grow PTA in ways to fit our busy lives.

I'm proud to be serving alongside all of you as we work together through all there is to know about your new community leadership roles. Looking forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting.

Appreciate all of you!

Christine Kent
Missouri PTA President, 2023-2026

SMARTER SUMMERS, BRIGHTER FUTURES,

TRACK FOR SUCCESS

This suggested tool helps families set goals, track progress, and celebrate commitment.



SUMMER CHALLENGE

> Take the 20-2-1 Summer Challenge <

Complete each of the activities listed below in a single day. Then, using your favorite calendar, check off each day that you completed all three activities. At the end of the summer count how many days you checked off.



Read something of interest for at least 20 minutes every day.



Pick two choice activities (e.g. write in a journal, make art, play outside).



Do one math activity every day (e.g. practice multiplication, visit [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)).



PTAs and schools are key to linking parents to vital summer learning opportunities that can help children have fun and meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for the next grade.

The Smarter Summers Brighter Futures Playbook empowers and equips PTAs and educators to make summers matter in their communities with easy-to-follow planning tools and strategies. Get yours!

[Read the Playbook](#)

Join the Missouri PTA Dream Team!

We are looking for Regional Directors.

The Missouri PTA Regional Director is an energetic relationship-builder who supports and inspires local PTA leaders across an assigned region. This role helps strengthen membership, shares resources and best practices, provides training and guidance, and fosters meaningful family-school partnerships. The ideal candidate is organized, collaborative, and passionate about empowering volunteers, engaging communities, and helping every child reach their full potential. Regular travel within the region is required to connect with local PTAs and support events and initiatives.

Apply Now!



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

7/20 - Legislative Discussion Roundtable 6 PM
7/20 - All Units Info. Gathering 7:15 PM

Check out our website [calendar](#) to
Register for these events.

Amendment 5 is on the ballot this August. Please learn more about this amendment, which, if passed, will cause massive cuts to public education. This amendment will further place burdens on families, with the cost of everything being higher.

For more information, visit the [Missouri Budget Project](#).



ATTENTION

**\$1.4 BILLION IN
STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION
FUNDING IS IN DANGER**

On August 4, 2026, Missouri residents will vote on Amendment 5, which would eliminate the state income tax.

This would create a \$5 billion hole in the state budget causing massive cuts to public education funding, an average of \$1,800 per student.

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(link in the comments)

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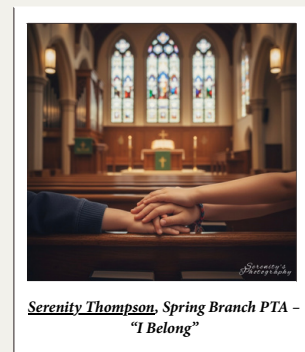
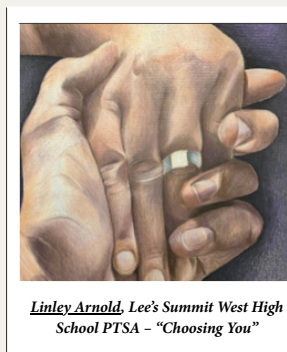
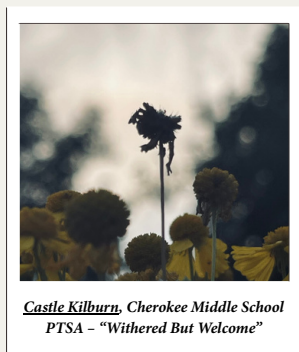
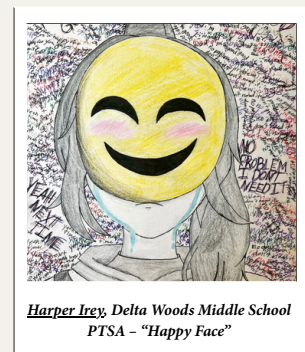
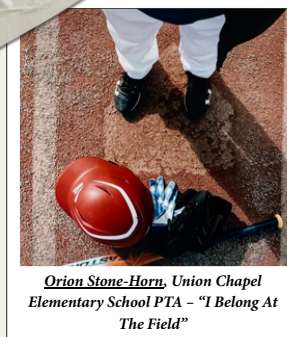
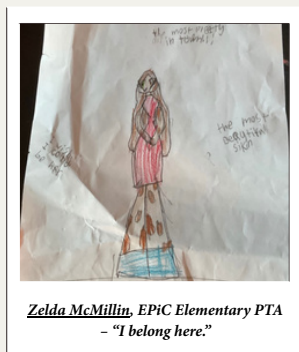
Small Steel A-Frame Sign/Upcoming Meeting - Custom Shop \$75.

Every month, advertise your upcoming meeting with this double-sided sidewalk signs displays the same message on both sides. Use this up to 1 week in advance.

This metal A-Frame sign is 24" tall and can be read from across the parking lot. The sign is corrugated plastic and hangs right into place.

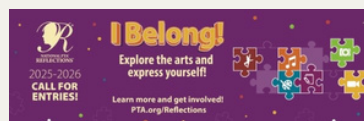


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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL ARTS FROM OUR 2025-2026 REFLECTIONS PROGRAM! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR REFLECTIONS PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS ON A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM A STRONG AND CHERISHED PTA TRADITION.

TO SEE A LIST OF ALL STATE LEVEL WINNERS, [CLICK HERE](#):



Keep sending in your photos and celebrate with us!